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6 July 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director

SUBJECT : Dissemination of Information derived
from BLACK SHIELD

1. Further to our conversations on this subject, []
dropped in to see me to argue for his three proposals, namely,
that we advise []

a. We are running an SR-71 type on an
experimental basis in the Far East;

b. We are using them to supplement other
reconnaissance in North Vietnam, and

c. We will disseminate to them selected
information from the photography on the same
basis as TROJAN HORSE.

2. Except for the fact that we might at some future date feel

[] [] I
perceive no reason to urge that you alter your decision to hold the
line as at present on items a. and b. I so told []

3. However I do see some use in permitting the photography
from BLACK SHIELD to be incorporated in the dissemination made
[] in the event that it has a
material bearing on similar photographic information already
available to them from BLUE SPRINGS, TROJAN HORSE or other
aerial reconnaissance in North Vietnam. Any such dissemination
would be without attribution as to the BLACK SHIELD source and,
to the recipients, there would be no way of deducing that it didn't
come from BLUE SPRINGS for example (except that in some areas
they could deduce it isn't TROJAN HORSE). Actually, this is the
way BLACK SHIELD photography is now being treated in our own
U.S. exploitation, i.e. at Secret level without attribution to specific
acquisition vehicle.

NRO review(s) completed.

4. I perceive no risk of exposing the BLACK SHIELD source by including its photography together with other similar photography disseminated [] and there are conveniences in processing as well as in the conveyance of correct information on matters already subject to collaboration.

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5. Therefore if you have no objection I propose that I tell [] that you accede to the inclusion of BLACK SHIELD photography in dissemination [] on the same basis as TROJAN HORSE, BLUE SPRINGS, etc.

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Approved ☒ (if this, will have details spelled out)

Unconvinced; forget it _____

Would like to discuss further _____



Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy
Deputy Director

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